

30 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wolf

1. I have discussed this matter with Dr. Tietjen at some length and I still do not have the entire problem nailed down as much as I would like. However, Dr. Tietjen explains that the Council can only agree informally. Furthermore, the details discussed with the Council were limited to those which I have attempted to describe in paragraph 2. Such details as whether the additional support should be limited to overseas installations or also include domestic installations were not clarified with the Council nor was reimbursement, etc., discussed.

2. In short, the Council really agreed informally as a matter of principle that the services would cooperate, and informally indicated that they would be glad to do so as soon as formal approval of the principle was obtained from the Secretary of Defense. Since the Surgeon Generals of the services are members of the Council, there would appear to be little difficulty in getting underway once formal approval were given.

3. [REDACTED] and Dr. Tietjen have already done considerable work on drafting a directive to the services on the assumption that there will be no question as to approval by the Secretary of Defense. Dr. Tietjen says that [REDACTED] is anxious to get this letter since, officially, no action can be taken until formal approval is given.

4. Recommend signature by the Director.

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Att:

Proposed memo to Sec of Def dtd
29 Jan 52 fr DCI, sub: "Med Support",
w/ref's a & b.

cc: Subj.